Formation of telephone Advisory Committee in Gujarat

201. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether TACs have been recently formed for Bulsar, Chhota-Udaipur, Surat and Vadodara district ;

(b) if so, the names and status of the Members thereof ;

(c) what are the criteria for the selection of Nominated Members;

(d) whether a number of recommendations for TAX Members of the above areas had been received from VIP, various organisations and various other quarters ; and

(e) if so, details thereof and the names and status of persons who have given such recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes Sir. In Gujarat there are four telephone advisory committees for Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Baroda Telephone Districts and one Telecommunication Advisory Committee for the rest of the State.

(b) The information is given in the Annexure which is placed on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No.1]

(c) The nominated member shall normally be residing in the geographical jurisdiction of a Telephone District for Telephone Advisory Committee and the concerned State in case of State Telecom. Advisory Committee. The Heads of Telecommunications Circles/Telephone Districts recommend suitable names to represent various interests. Recommendations for Members of Parliament are obtained from Department of Paliamentary Affairs and those of M.L.As. from Speakers of the concerned State Assemblies. The recommendations thus received are considered alongwith other names directly received in Telecom. Directorate for nomination to the Advisory Committees.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It may not be desirable to disclose the names of the persons or organisations who have given such recommendations.

New Post Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

202. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some new Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices have been opened during 1-1-83 to 30-9-85 in the Constituencies of Valsad, Baroda and Surat in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and how much amount has been spent on each account ;

(c) what were the actual plants, projects and estimates of the above; and

(d) how many Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices are likely to be opened in the above 3 constituencies during 1985, 1986 and 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The detail of telephone Exchanges may be seen in Statement-I and that of Post Offices in Statement-II

(d) A total of 17 exchanges are proposed to be opened in Valsad, Baroda and Surat districts during 1985-86 and 1987. No post office is likely to be opened during 1985-86 on account of the existing ban on creation of new posts. The position in respect of 1986-87 will depend upon whether or not the ban referred to above is lifted/relaxed.